IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A portable electronic device comprising:

a user input device configured for cooperative engagement with a navigational device carried on the surface of the portable electronic device ~~comprising~~ and arranged with an elongated element having a first end and a second end disposed opposite said first end, ~~wherein the~~ such that said user input device is configurable in ~~has~~ a first configuration ~~in which the~~ such that said elongated element is arranged for nesting ~~nested~~ within a recess defined in the surface of said navigational ~~the portable electronic~~ device and further configured with ~~having~~ a size and shape conforming to the surface contour of said navigational ~~the portable electronic~~ device ~~whereby the~~ such that said elongated element ~~forms~~ is arranged to form a part of the surface of ~~the portable electronic~~ said navigational device along the surface in the region of the recess, and is configurable in a second configuration ~~in which the~~ such that one of said first and second ends of said elongated element is arranged for protrusion in an extended position away from ~~with respect to~~ the surface of ~~the portable electronic~~ said navigational device ~~wherein~~ such that in ~~the~~ said second configuration ~~the~~ said user input device is arranged for operative movement with said navigational device ~~operable~~ as a joystick.

2. (Currently amended) The portable electronic device as defined in claim 1 wherein said elongated element is further configured with a hinged connection ~~hingedly connected at~~ between said navigational device and said elongated element ~~its second end~~ for pivotal movement about the hinge axis ~~wherein~~ such that said elongated element is configured for folding ~~folded~~ about the hinge axis in said first configuration and ~~unfolded~~ unfolding about the hinge axis in said second configuration.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Currently amended) The portable electronic device as defined in claim 1 wherein ~~the~~ said user input device is further arranged for operation ~~arranged to operate~~ as an analog user input device.

5. (Currently amended) The portable electronic device as defined in claim 1 ~~that is~~ further configured for pocket sized usage and for handheld usage.

6. (Currently amended) The portable electronic device as defined in claim 2 further arranged such that ~~wherein~~ said elongated element is configured to mount ~~mounted~~ at its second end for pivotal movement ~~wherein~~ such that pivotal movement of the user input device is restricted in the first configuration and the user device pivots freely in the second configuration.

7. (Currently amended) The portable electronic device as defined in claim 1 ~~that is operable~~ further configured for operation as a mobile cellular telephone.

Claims 8-10 (Cancelled)

11. (Currently amended) The electronic device as defined in claim ~~10~~ 2 comprising means for unfolding ~~the~~ said elongated element to its extended orientation in response to a first user action and for folding ~~the~~ said elongated element to its nested position in response to a reversal of the first user action.

Claims 12-14 (Cancelled)

15. (Currently amended) The electronic device as defined in claim ~~10~~ 11 that is operable as a gaming device.

16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently amended) A user input device for an electronic device, comprising:

an elongated element ~~having~~ configured with a first end and a second end disposed opposite said first end, ~~wherein the user input device has a first configuration in which the elongated element is folded~~ and arranged for folding into a recess defined in the surface of the electronic device ~~whereby~~ such that the surface of said ~~the~~ elongated element ~~forms~~ is configured to form a portion ~~a part~~ of the surface of the portable electronic device in the ~~region~~ area of the recess, and ~~a second configuration in which the elongated element is in an unfolded~~ for unfolding into an extended orientation with respect to the surface of the electronic device ~~wherein in the second configuration the user input device is operable~~ for movement and operation as a joystick.

18. (New) A user input device for a portable electronic device configured for cooperative engagement with a navigational device carried on the surface of the portable electronic device and arranged with an elongated element having a first end and a second end disposed opposite said first end, such that said user input device is configurable in a first configuration such that said elongated element is arranged for nesting within a recess defined in the surface of said navigational device and further configured with a size and shape conforming to the surface contour of said navigational device such that said elongated element is arranged to form a part of the surface of said navigational device along the surface in the region of the recess, and is configurable in a second configuration such that one of said first and second ends of said elongated element is arranged for protrusion in an extended position away from the surface of said navigational device such that in said second configuration said user input device is arranged for operative movement with said navigational device as a joystick.